

Good Morning,

I am requesting that the General Law Committee, at the next public hearing to be held on March 8, 2011, please consider the real benefits of supporting HB 6446.

This IS An ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS!

HB 6446 is about fairness in the work place.

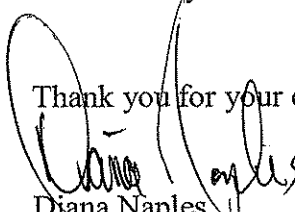
Under regulations that are currently in place, AT&T, Comcast, Cox Communications and all of the many other video service providers, can have two or more workers, all working on the exact same equipment for an installation project. What you might ask is the major difference between these workers? One of these workers is a direct employee of the video service company, and the other is a contracted worker or workers which are brought in for the specific project.

Under the current rules and regulations **only** the worker who is a direct employee of the Video Service Company such as AT&T, Comcast, Cox Communications or one of the many service providers, must maintain a Public Service Technician License which is issued by the consumer protection department. The contracted employee is not required to be licensed.

My question to you is, without a licensing requirement for these contracted workers, how is it determined that these workers have the proper training or skills to do this work? This should raise questions for all citizens and especially for the Committee members here today. Please make sure that we have the same rules for workers who are doing the same work.

Please vote yes for HB 6446 when the bill comes before a vote in the General Law Committee.

Thank you for your consideration,



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